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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hisashi Umeda
Serial No.: 10/798,102
Conf. No.: 5914
Filed: 03/11/2004
For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS
AND RECORDING METHOD
Art Unit: 1773
Examiner: Rickman, Holly C.

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24 May 06

Date

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Registration No. 29,367
Attorney for Applicant(s)

TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-150

Sir:

- (X) **Enclosed is a Response to Election/Restriction Requirement.**
- (X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed May 10, 2006, applicants elect Group I, Species (A), without traverse. Claims 1-17, 31-38, 41 and 43 read on the elected species. Accordingly, please cancel nonelected claims 18-30, 39-40, 42 and 44-46, without prejudice.

A listing of claims is as follows: